

# CITY of BEAVERTON

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## BEAVERTON FREE LECTURE SERIES TO FOCUS ON ECONOMY

### - Oregon's State Economist Kicks off the Two-Part Series on February 5 -

**Beaverton, Oregon (January 29, 2009)** – Oregon's economic outlook will be the topic of the City of Beaverton's annual lecture series, the **Forum of Beaverton: Connecting People & Ideas**. The two-part series, which takes place February 5 and 26, will feature key state and local economic leaders and focus on the impact of the changing economy to our community.

"The City of Beaverton has brought together some of the most influential economic experts in our region," said **Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle**. "The Forum is a great opportunity for Beaverton residents to hear firsthand what's behind the headlines and what may be ahead for our state."

**Oregon's State Economist Tom Potiowsky** is slated to speak at the first lecture on Thursday, February 5. Mr. Potiowsky is responsible for developing state economic and demographic forecasts and estimating General Fund revenue for the State of Oregon. These forecasts are used to develop budgets for both the Governor and Legislature. Mr. Potiowsky is a resident of Beaverton.

The second lecture, scheduled for Thursday, February 26, will feature a panel of guest speakers that includes **State Senator Suzanne Bonamici**, Chair of Consumer Protection and Public Affairs; **State Senator Mark Hass**, Chair of Education and General Government; **Patrick O'Claire**, the City of Beaverton's Finance Director; **Linda Moore MacCoy**, mortgage expert and President of National Academy of Financial Literacy (NAFL); and **Mark Ellsworth**, Regional Coordinator for the Governor's Economic Revitalization Team.

Both lectures will be followed by a question and answer session moderated by Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI) Chair Eric Schmidt. The Beaverton City Library will also provide a list of recommended reading as well as display a selection of books on personal finances and the economy in the main area of the library. Attendees are invited to check out materials of interest.

The lectures will start at 7 p.m. and will take place in the auditorium of the Beaverton City Library (12375 SW Fifth Street). There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served. Seating is general admission and is limited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Lani Parr in the City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Program at (503) 526-2243, visit the web site at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov), or send an email to [neighbormail@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:neighbormail@ci.beaverton.or.us).

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